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Honorable Warren B. Magnuson  
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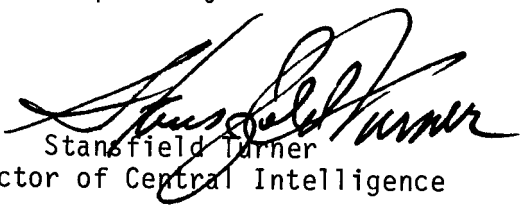
Dear Mr. Chairman:


In the Classified Annex to the Report of the Joint Conference of the Appropriations Committees of Congress on the FY 1978 intelligence budget, the conferees requested "...that the President submit with the FY 79 budget a report on the national/tactical interface. The report should indicate how resources can be optimized between the two, and the organizational arrangements required to achieve this optimization."

The joint Department of Defense/Director of Central Intelligence report at Enclosure 1 responds to this request, and the President has requested that we provide it to you.

The management report outlines recent actions taken to comply with Presidential Directive/NSC-17 issued on 4 August 1977, and Executive Order 12036 of 24 January 1978. This report states that the intelligence community organizational changes resulting from PD/NSC-17 and recent DoD and DCI internal organizational changes should be adequate to manage the process of optimizing the mix between national and tactical intelligence systems, but that such optimization will require some time. The report also incorporates, to the extent practicable, the comments of the Military Services, agencies, the Intelligence Community Staff and outside independent opinions.

We will continue to work closely with you and your staff in resolving further issues and working toward an optimized national/tactical intelligence capability.

  
Stansfield Turner  
Director of Central Intelligence

  
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Secretary of Defense

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